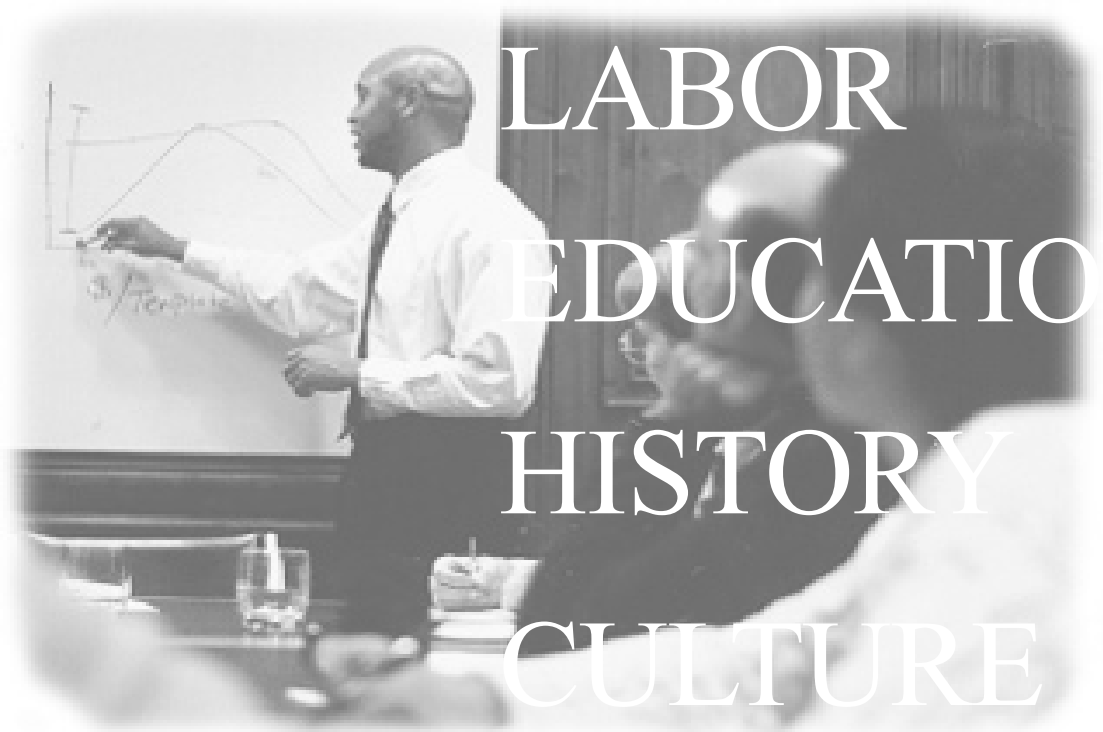


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*“...the health of a community is a shared responsibility of many entities, organizations and interests in the community, including health services delivery organizations, public health agencies, other public and private entities and the people of a community.”*

– Institute of Medicine. 1996. *Healthy Communities: New Partnerships for the Future of Public Health*. National Academy Press. p. 12



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## West Baton Rouge Parish

### History<sup>1</sup>

West Baton Rouge Parish was created on March 31, 1807. The earliest settlers arrived in the area before 1750. It is largely agricultural, but as East Baton Rouge Parish grows, so does this parish (the smallest area in the state). It is situated on the west bank of the Mississippi River, across from metropolitan Baton Rouge. Indian mounds are evidence of early Indian culture.

### Culture and Recreation<sup>3</sup>

West Baton Rouge Parish is where yesterday and today share the Mississippi River Road that winds through Louisiana's famous Plantation Country. Browse through the West Baton Rouge Museum complex in Port Allen or photograph the mighty Mississippi from atop the Port Allen Lock wall. Enjoy the friendly small-town atmosphere of Baton Rouge's neighbor to the west while you sample sumptuous seafood buffets and real down-home Louisiana cooking at local restaurants.



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**Parish Seat<sup>1</sup>** ..... Port Allen<sup>1</sup>

### Major Cities (over 5,000 population)<sup>2</sup>

Port Allen  
1990 ..... 6,277  
1997 (estimate) ..... 6,266

### Parish Population<sup>2</sup>

1990 ..... 19,419  
1997 (estimate) ..... 20,472

### Breakdown of 1996 population (estimates)<sup>6</sup>

White ..... 61%  
African American ..... 39%  
Other ..... 0%  
Male ..... 48%  
Female ..... 52%  
Population age 0-4 ..... 8%  
Populations age 65 & over ..... 10%

### Geography and Statistics<sup>2</sup>

Average elevation ..... 25 ft.

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Land area in square miles .....	191.2
Water area in square miles <sup>4</sup> .....	12.4

**Climate<sup>2</sup>**

## Average temperatures

Annual .....	68°
January .....	54°
July .....	81°
Annual average rainfall .....	60.1 in.

**Labor Force (1995)<sup>1</sup>**

Civilian .....	9,500
Employed .....	8,800
Unemployed .....	700
Unemployment .....	7.6%

**Agriculture<sup>1</sup>**

Sugarcane; port facilities with diversified industry.

**Colleges/Universities<sup>2</sup>**

(within one hour commute)

*Baton Rouge*

Louisiana State University

Southern University

*Hammond*

Southeastern Louisiana University

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**Educational Attainment (1990)<sup>7</sup>**

Less than 5th grade	5.3%
High school graduate or higher	66.0%
Some college or higher	27.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher	9.9%

**Major Employers (Products) and Number of Employees<sup>2</sup>**

<b>Private Employers</b>	
Dow Chemical (Chemicals)	3,000
International Piping Systems, Ltd. (Pipes)	300
Community Coffee Company, Inc. (Coffee)	250
<b>Public Employers</b>	
West Baton Rouge School Board (Education)	478
City of Port Allen (Government)	80
Port of Greater Baton Rouge (Port)	50

**Poverty and Income**

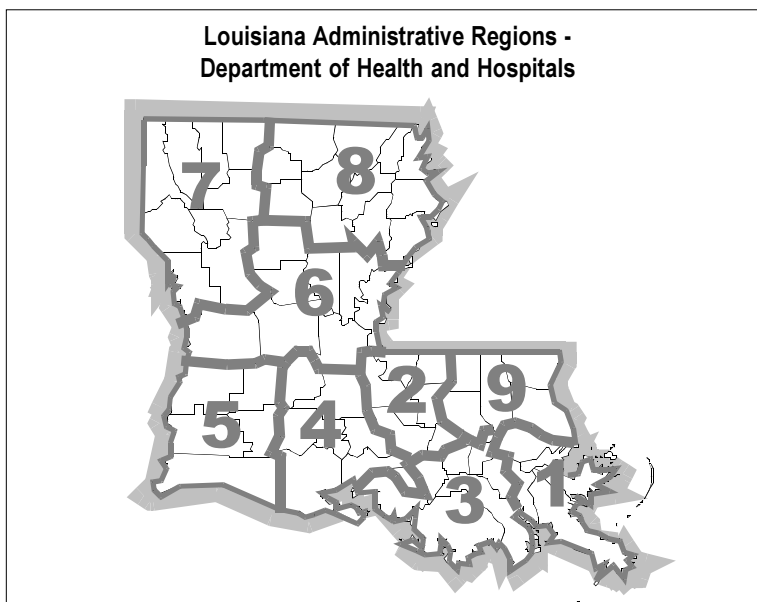
Persons in poverty (1995) <sup>7</sup>	17.6%
Children under age 18 in poverty <sup>7</sup>	25.6%
Per capita income (1996) <sup>8</sup>	\$19,838



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<sup>7</sup> U.S. Bureau of the Census. 1998. keywords: people, poverty, small area income and poverty estimates <http://www.census.gov>

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#### **Region 1**

Jefferson  
Orleans  
Plaquemines  
St. Bernard

#### **Region 2**

Ascension  
East Baton Rouge  
East Feliciana  
Iberville  
Pointe Coupee  
West Baton Rouge  
West Feliciana

#### **Region 3**

Assumption  
Lafourche  
St. Charles  
St. James  
St. John  
St. Mary  
Terrebonne

#### **Region 4**

Acadia  
Evangeline  
Iberia  
Lafayette  
St. Landry  
St. Martin  
Vermilion

#### **Region 5**

Allen  
Beauregard  
Calcasieu  
Cameron  
Jefferson Davis

#### **Region 6**

Avoyelles  
Catahoula  
Concordia  
Grant  
LaSalle  
Rapides  
Vernon  
Winn

#### **Region 7**

Bienville  
Bossier  
Caddo  
Claiborne  
DeSoto  
Natchitoches  
Red River  
Sabine  
Webster

#### **Region 8**

Caldwell  
East Carroll  
Franklin  
Jackson  
Lincoln  
Madison  
Morehouse  
Ouachita  
Richland  
Tensas  
Union  
West Carroll

#### **Region 9**

Livingston  
St. Helena  
St. Tammany  
Tangipahoa  
Washington